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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) MEETING OF  
SELECTION COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 016370

SUMMARY: COMMITTEE QUICKLY REACHED UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO  
OFFER POSITION OF IWC SECRETARY TO BURD. END SUMMARY.

1. IWC SELECTION COMMITTEE MET FEB 4-5. IN INITIAL GO-  
AROUND ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT USSR INCLUDED BURD IN LIST  
OF 2-3 PREFERENCES, AND ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT US LISTED  
GAMBELL. WHEN US REP ADVISED THAT GAMBELL WAS  
NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US, SOVIET REP STATED USSR HAD NO OBJEC-  
TION TO BURD COMMITTEE THEN READILY AGREED WITH CHAIRMAN  
(RINDAL) THAT POSITION OF IWC SECRETARY BE OFFERED TO  
BURD.

2. ONLY OTHER SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS TERMS OF APPOINT-  
MENT TO BE OFFERED TO BURD. PORPOSAL BY CHAIRMAN AND  
SECRETARY (STACEY) WAS FOR APPOINTMENT TO BE SUBJECT TO  
REVIEW AT 1977 IWC MEETING, SALARY IN POUNDS 8,500-9,000  
RANGE, AND OTHER CONDITIONS GENERALLY PATTERNED AFTER  
THOSE OF U.K. CIVIL SERVICE. ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN AND  
SECRETARY, ABOVE WAS ALONG LINES OF EARLIER DISCUSSION/  
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DECISIONS OF IWC FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

3. SECRETARY UNDERTOOK TO AMEND HIS INFORMAL REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING, INTENDED SOLELY FOR IWC FILES, WHICH DEALS PRIMARILY WITH TERMS OF APPOINTMENT. HE AGREED TO SEND COPY DIRECTLY TO DR. AARON (COMMERCE/NOAA).

4. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN WILL INTERVIEW BURD SOONEST AND SEEK TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TERMS. IF HE SUCCEEDS, HE WILL THEN WRITE ALL COMMISSIONERS (PRE-SUMABLY WITHIN TWO WEEKS OR SO) TO INFORM THEM OF (A) RECOMMENDATION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE THAT BURD BE APPOINTED AND (B) AGREED-UPON TERMS. HE WILL GIVEN DEADLINE (PROBABLY TWO WEEKS) FOR SUBMISSION OF NEGATIVE REMARKS. COMMITTEE WAS ENJOINED TO KEEP ITS RECOMMENDATION OF BURD'S SELECTION CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL CHAIRMAN SENDS HIS LETTE TO COMMISSIONERS. AT THAT TIME HE WILL ANNOUNCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION PUBLICLY AND ADVISE OTHER CANDIDATES THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED.

5. AT END OF MEETING QUESTION WAS RAISED RE HOW TO PROCEED IN EVENT BURD DOES NOT ACCEPT IWC'S TERMS. CHAIRMAN REPLIED THAT ISSUE WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE PLACED BEFORE IWC AT ITS JUNE MEETING . PRIVATELY, HE TOLD US REP THAT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES HE SAW NO ALTERNATIVE TO GAMBELL SINCE HE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OTHER MEMBERS. RATHER THAN OPEN DEBATE ON ISSUE OF UNANIMITY RULE (PARA 4(A) REFTEL) VERSUS THREE-QUARTER RULE MENTIONED DURING MEETING, US REP REPLIED THAT WE WOULD CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE CAME TO IT.

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